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LETTER

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

The enclosed papers entitled:

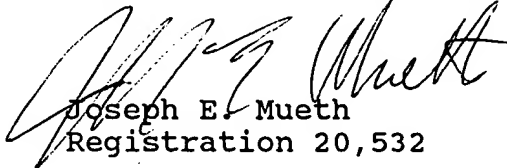
"Appointment of Associate Attorney"; "Petition and Amendment Under Rule 48"; "Statement of Facts Under Rule 48"; and "Approval by Assignee for Change of Inventorship Under 37 CFR 1.48" were previously filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 13, 1988. However, in the caption, an error appeared in the serial number, giving rise to the likelihood that these papers miscarried and are not currently in the file of the above-identified patent application.

On December 4, 1989, we were advised by Examiner Krupen that the preparation of the first Office Action will occur shortly. Accordingly, in order that the Examiner have before

her all relevant papers at the time of examination, this paper and its attachments identified hereinabove are being hand delivered by our Washington associate to Examiner Krupen in Group 128.

The Examiner will note that several signatures are lacking, viz, the signatures of Messrs. Smith, Hood and T. J. Hunkapiller on the "Statement of Facts Under Rule 48" and the signature of David W. Morrisroe on the "Approval by Assignee for Change of Inventorship Under 37 CFR 1.48." We are in the process of gathering these signatures and will be filing the signed papers with the United States Patent and Trademark Office shortly.

Respectfully submitted,



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